

In 1981, the two first associations of press office professionals were founded: "Associació Catalana d'Informadors de l'Administració Local" —ACIAL— (Catalan Association of Reporters of Local Administration) and the Associació de Gabinetes d'Informació de Catalunya —AGIC— (The Association of Press Information Offices of Catalonia). The first approximate censor of the number of press offices, that have increased from a total of 94 to 186, was made.

But there are people that criticise them. Some professionals consider them to be one of the deviations of the profession, an injury to the reporting routine etc. The theme is polemical, according to the author, as good professionals have worked and are working in the press offices, and play a useful role in the tasks of communication. Some of the themes that are the subject of the discussion make references to the system of access and journalists' dependency.

74 From years of reports to TV. Between technological revolution and political intervention

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In this article the authoress refers to the technological changes that have affected television over a period of 10 years. She mentions some of the memories of Jordi Bonet Rovira, the first person to work as a television editor in Catalonia, in 1965, when one still used to film with film techniques. Developing the films that had to be projected immediately had its advantages and disadvantages. The majority of journalists that are currently working for the television companies in Catalonia did not experience this period. The introduction of video, the development of transmission systems, satellites and computing have changed the panorama.

The authoress evaluates the influence of political power on television companies, and the instability of the directors. These are the reasons why the editors are unmotivated, a fact that has an effect on the product. In this environment, legislation for Catalonia and all of the State establishing the functioning of a public television company in a democratic country, would be necessary.